

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

- 1.(Currently Amended) A silencer for a vacuum cleaner, which comprises at least one silencing board (1) mounted in an exhaust channel (3) of the vacuum cleaner for passage of an exhaust airflow from the vacuum cleaner, with a plurality of pores (2) distributed throughout in the silencing board (1).
2. (Currently Amended) A silencer for a vacuum cleaner according to claim 1 wherein the silencing board (1) is mounted in an orientation perpendicular to the direction of the airflow passing through the exhaust channel (3).
3. (Currently Amended) A silencer for a vacuum cleaner according to claim 1 wherein the total passage area of the pores (2) is less than half of the cross-sectional area of the exhaust channel (3).
4. (Currently Amended) A silencer for a vacuum cleaner according to claim 1 wherein the diameter of each of the pores (2) in the silencing board (1) is less than 6 mm.
5. (Cancelled)